

To: Schuster, Cindy[Schuster.Cindy@epa.gov]
Cc: Dunbar, Bill[dunbar.bill@epa.gov]; Holsman, Marianne[Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov]
From: Neill, Andrew
Sent: Tue 4/12/2016 10:59:48 PM
Subject: Re: Response to inquiry from office of Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers

Cindy,

This is very troubling. Especially after Bill told me the EPA worked with the Swinomish tribe to make sure that whatsupstream.com and all of the adds associated did not violate the lobbying laws. Can either of you speak to that? Either the statement is untrue or Bill misinformed me.

If the statement is all the EPA is able to provide I will have to wait for the IG report and work with the respective oversight Committees.

Regards,

-Andrew

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2016, at 6:49 PM, Schuster, Cindy <Schuster.Cindy@epa.gov> wrote:

Andrew,

I'm sorry that I can't provide all the information that you've requested, but here is our statement, which may be helpful to you:

"The tone and content of this outside campaign does not represent the views of EPA. EPA spends an enormous amount of time and resources on efforts to work with farmers, tribes and other stakeholders on collaborative efforts to improve water quality. The grant being used to fund the billboard was awarded to a consortium to be directed at endangered salmon recovery efforts. The grant also authorized a public education element. The consortium made a sub-award for a campaign which should not be using EPA funds. We are in the process of correcting that."

With my regards,

Cindy

From: Neill, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.Neill@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 4:03 PM
To: Schuster, Cindy <Schuster.Cindy@epa.gov>
Cc: Dunbar, Bill <dunbar.bill@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne
<Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to inquiry from office of Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers

Hey Cindy,

I wanted to loop back around and see if you had those breakdowns. Can you provide the documentation where you pulled the \$18,957.55 number as well?

Best,

-Andrew

From: Schuster, Cindy [<mailto:Schuster.Cindy@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 6:15 PM
To: Neill, Andrew
Cc: Dunbar, Bill; Holsman, Marianne; Schuster, Cindy
Subject: RE: Response to inquiry from office of Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers

Hello Andrew,

The total cost of the ads that have been on the radio is \$18,957.55. We are working to get the website development costs for you.

With my regards,

--Cindy Schuster

From: Neill, Andrew [<mailto:Andrew.Neill@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2016 2:40 PM
To: Dunbar, Bill <dunbar.bill@epa.gov>; Schuster, Cindy <Schuster.Cindy@epa.gov>
Cc: Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to inquiry from office of Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers

Thanks, Bill. I look forward to looking at the additional funding documents. Any idea when you may have something?

Best,

-Andrew

From: Dunbar, Bill [<mailto:dunbar.bill@epa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 12:34 PM
To: Neill, Andrew; Schuster, Cindy
Cc: Holsman, Marianne
Subject: RE: Response to inquiry from office of Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers

Andrew – A required disclaimer is missing from the billboard. As noted in the article, we contacted the NW Indian Fisheries Commission who is communicating with the Swinomish Tribe about the issue. I'd be very surprised if this weren't remedied very soon.

That's all I know, but feel free to call if you like: 206-553-1019.

--Bill.

Bill Dunbar

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From: Neill, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Neill@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Monday, April 04, 2016 9:28 AM

To: Schuster, Cindy <Schuster.Cindy@epa.gov>

Cc: Dunbar, Bill <dunbar.bill@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne
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Subject: RE: Response to inquiry from office of Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers

Hey Bill,

I read the following article this weekend. Can you update me on what policies are out of compliance and what remedies are being taken? If possible, it would be great to talk today. It seems like this is a reversal of policy by your office since our last conversation.

<http://www.capitalpress.com/Washington/20160401/epa-anti-farmer-billboards-violate-agency-rules>

Best,

-Andrew

From: Neill, Andrew
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2016 3:03 PM
To: 'Schuster, Cindy'
Cc: Dunbar, Bill; Holsman, Marianne
Subject: RE: Response to inquiry from office of Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers

Thanks, Cindy. I appreciate the information. I'm looking forward to evaluating the specific breakdowns.

Best,

-Andrew

From: Schuster, Cindy [<mailto:Schuster.Cindy@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2016 10:00 AM
To: Neill, Andrew
Cc: Dunbar, Bill; Holsman, Marianne; Schuster, Cindy
Subject: Response to inquiry from office of Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers

Hello Andrew,

Thank you for taking your time to talk to Policy Advisor Bill Dunbar and me yesterday. This is a follow-up message to provide information that you requested.

Attached is the "Application for Federal Assistance" submitted by the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, which was selected as the award recipient through a competitive process. This document provides more information about how the money is to be spent by NWIFC, including the work plan, the budget, and a signed "Certification Regarding Lobbying" on the tenth page. Under this award, NWIFC made the subaward to the

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community.

Here is the text of the radio ad:

Support for KUOW comes from What's Upstream dot com, a coalition of Washington clean water advocates working to protect salmon rivers and streams by addressing agricultural pollution as a cause of pollution in salmon-bearing streams.

Believing that clean water in Puget Sound starts with clean water upstream. More at What's upstream dot com.

Our office will follow up again when we have more specific information about costs under the subaward.

With my regards,

Cindy

Cindy Colgate Schuster

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